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SEVENTH YEAR.

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A Continuation
of Our

\$7.65

SUIT

SALE

... We will continue to sell \$10, \$12 and \$15 Suits for \$7.65 during this entire month.

... There are two reasons for this. One is that we find we have many more good Suits to put in this sale than we thought we had. The other reason is that our many country patrons are in the midst of the heaviest work of the year and did not have an opportunity to avail themselves of these splendid bargains; hence, the sale continues during the month. Don't miss the opportunity of buying for \$7.65 a Suit of clothes that would cost you \$12 to \$15 elsewhere, and at these prices you would not pay too much for them; they are worth it.

Respectfully,

HECHINGER & CO.
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THE BEE HIVE.

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ROSENTHAL BROS.

KINGS OF LOW PRICES.

PROPRIETORS SEE LIVE.



MAYSVILLE WEATHER.
What We May Expect for the Next Twenty-four Hours.

THE LEDGER'S WEATHER SIGNALS.

WEATHER SIGNALS:
Blue—Rain or Snow.
Blue and Red—Twist Warmers.
Red—If Black's beneath—Clouds will.

Unless Black's shown—no change we'll see.
The above forecasts are made for 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.



If you have friends visiting, you or I are going away on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

Miss Jessie Purnell of Maysville is the guest of friends here.

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Prof. Ben F. Gabby of Paducah is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gabby.

Colonel W. M. Maltby and daughter leave to-day for a sojourn at Pa. Lake, Owego county, N. Y.

Mr. Buckner Wall of Richmond, Va., is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. Garrett S. Wall.

Mrs. H. A. Power and daughter Alice have returned to their home at Parkersburg after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley have returned to their home at Lexington after a visit to the family of Mr. C. H. Frank.

Portsmouth Blarke—Miss Mayme Brown arrived tonight from the home of Misses Calhoun of Maysville, Ky., and Miss Lockette of Americus, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bridges and son William and Misses Grimes of Portsmouth have returned home after a visit to Mrs. A. M. Bridges of West Second street.

All matter for publication must be handed in before 9 o'clock in the morning of each day.

If you have an item of news, please call up THE LEDGER, Telephone 32, and send it in.

Rent—The John Walton business property, Mayfield, Ky., good building, good stand and locality.

J. M. COLLINS, 35 West Third street.

Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using DeWitt's Hazel Salve. It heals promptly and cures eczema and all skin diseases. It gives immediate relief. Henry W. Ray, Postoffice Drugstore.

Died, yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, Miss Sallie Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes of Tuckaboe. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence services conducted by Rev. George E. Rapp. Burial at Germantown.

10 Cents

Pay your round-trip care and give you a ticket to the show at Electric Park.

THE LEDGER
PRINTS THE
REAL NEWS

Black Band and Chesapeake Coal at Pomeroy prices at William Davis's, near Limestone Mills.

Rev. Dr. Alderson of Portsmouth will, for the month of August, fill the pulpit of a Presbyterian Church at Washington, D. C.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Devore died yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Helmer on West Second street.

The C. and O. will run an excursion to Oligonook Sunday, July 31st. Special train will leave Cincinnati at 8 a. m. Fare for round-trip \$1.

The best grades of Kanawha and Seminole Coal for less money than you pay for Pomeroy at William Davis's Coal Yard, near Limestone Mills.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the First Baptist Church will meet this evening at 7 o'clock with Mrs. A. R. Peirce, Lime-stone Mills. A full attendance desired. D. C.

Colonel W. C. P. Brinkbridge will deliver an address on "The Causes Leading to the Spanish-American War" at the celebration at Flemingsburg Saturday next.

Don't fill your coalhouse with poor Pomeroy coal when you can get Black Band, Chesapeake or Seminole Coal at the same price at William Davis's Coal Yard, near Limestone Mills.

The heavy rain of Monday afternoon is reported to have done much damage in different parts of the county.

The Republican County Committee of Fleming met the other day and endorsed John S. Evans as Postmaster at Grange City.

Anna B. Howins of Muskegon, I. T., yesterday registered at the County Clerk's office as a practicing dentist. She has a firstclass certificate from the State Board of Dentistry of Kentucky, and will open an office in this city.

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Jackson Dills, colored, aged 48 years, died about 5 o'clock this morning at his home on East Fourth street. He had been ill but a short time with a cold, which settled on his lungs, causing hasty consumption. He leaves a wife and three sons, Bert, Browning and Charley. The funeral will occur tomorrow.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

A Troublesome Growth Removed From Mr. William Pepper's Right Leg.

On the 9th day of last month Mr. William Pepper, traveling man for the firm of J. W. Watson & Sons, was in a small town in West Virginia, and desired to go to another small town several miles down the railroad.

There being no trains due for several hours, he took passage on a handcar that was going in that direction.

When a short distance from the desired point he fell off the car and bruised his right leg just above the knee, the bruise, however, being a very small one.

After his arrival home the leg began to give him trouble, and upon examination the bruise had developed into quite a serious sore, and after suffering several weeks with no relief in sight, he finally concluded to have an operation performed and the unnatural growth removed, which had in the meantime grown to a alarming size.

Yesterday morning Dr. P. Gordon Smoot, assisted by Drs. C. O. Owens and John A. Reed, successfully removed the intruder, which immediately gave Mr. Pepper relief, and it is hoped he will soon be able to be out again.

Electric Park.

Did it ever occur to you why you should patronize the new Electric Park? For these reasons: You can enjoy a four mile ride, the only way to get cool, a comfortable seat in a cozy theater and a refined and funny show. You are helping to keep alive the streetcars, which are public conveniences and have done more to build up the Fairmont and West Virginia than any other started in our city.

One cent is a small amount, and you get thrills the worth of your money. This week the vaudeville class is way up and the songs, acts and skits are sure to please you. The Ventriloquists are old friends to us. Their concluding piece, "Illustrated Songs," is beautiful, touching and enjoyable. Go out tonight and see for yourself.

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Will be held AUGUST 24, 25, 26, 27, 1898. Enlarged premium list. Cattle show first day. Evening program. Free admission. Double balloon ascension each day. Thrilling side for life each day—the acne and the skin disease—will be the main summer cutting. Bring your family and drive to the fair. Teams free. Write for program.

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FANCY GARTER ELASTIC.

Something especially good at 15c a yard. Ask to see it. Other pretty designs up to 35c. Tasteful colors and the best rubbers.

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Neat gingham checks, bordered, at 1c. White Lawns, liberally big, 15c.

More elaborate patterns, tucked, embroidered, lace and insertion trimmed from 25c to 75c.

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS.

Deep price cuts. Not many handsons ones left, but the few must surely

as fast as if they numbered dozens. Give us a chance to price them to you.

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SPAIN wants to quit already. Why the devil did she begin? Oh, no, Donny, your Uncle Sam's "Yankee pigs" haven't begun to root yet.

THE esteemed Editor of The Richmond Paragraph appears to have overlooked as well as looked over some of the matter appearing in these columns since the Congressional Convention.

THE Walker Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, O., has received a half million dollar order from Paris for electric streetcars. So, after all, the Yankee hating French must come to America when they want the best of mechanical appliances.

SAMPSON's report shows the annihilation of CERVERA's fleet was due to the remarkable gunning of the Americans. This is placing the credit where it properly belongs, after allowing for the judgment of the officers who directed the shooting to begin.

A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg says the ladies of the Russian Court are greatly upset at the fact that the Czarina has forbidden cigarette smoking in her presence. While it must be admitted that a real tobacco cigarette is not at all offensive, the smell of the cigarette in the mouth of the duderette is enough to re-upset the Russian Court ladies—or even a rhinoceros.

MR. HORACE B. DUNBAR, who ran the Gibson House at Cincinnati as a Free-silver Democratic Headquarters Hotel, has been forced to make an assignment. His Free-silver friends were not numerous enough to keep the house or its legs, and his partisanship had driven away the best customers the house had. No business ever succeeded—or deserves to succeed—that is conducted according to a political platform.

FREE ADVERTISING.

No Charge! Advertising under the heading of "Help Wanted." "For Rent." "For Sale." "Situations Wanted." "Lost." "Found." "An acceptable nature, and not to exceed three lines, on this page, are FREE to ALL."

No Business Advertisements inserted unless paid for.

Advertisements can be left at our office or sent through the mail to THE PUBLIC LEDGER, No. 10 E. Third Street.

WANTED—By young man, position in office or store; work of any kind. Address E. J. D., Box 25, Springfield, Mass.

WANTED—FOR HIRE.

FOR RENT—Four rooms, kitchen, bath, all conveniences. Apply at this office.

LOST—Gold Watch Chain, between Forest Ave. and Market street. Returns to this office and receive reward.

LOST—Diamond Pin. To this office and receive reward.

LOST—Watches, various ornaments. Please return to this office.

LOST—Book: contained private papers, photographs and several pieces money.

LOST—Book: contained the comment of El Nacional.

PEACE!

Spain Applies Directly and Formally to McKinley Through French Ambassador.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT GIVEN OUT.

M. Cambon Conveys a Message From the Spanish Government Looking to Termination of the War.

Spain's Communication is General in Terms and Does Not Make Any Distinct Propositions as to Cuba or Other Possessions.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Spain has sued for peace formally and directly to President McKinley through M. Cambon, the French ambassador.

The following official statement is made:

"The French ambassador, on behalf of the government of Spain and by direction of the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, presented to the president Tuesday afternoon at the white house, a message from the Spanish government looking to the termination of the war and settlement of terms of peace."

The interview between the French ambassador and the president was arranged for between Secretary Day and Secretary Thiebaud, of the French embassy, both of whom were present at the white house when the conference began at 3:30 o'clock. It was still in progress at 4 o'clock. The conference, it is believed, refers to peace negotiations, but no particulars are obtainable.

Spain's communication, presented by Ambassador Cambon, is general in terms and does not make any distinct proposition as to Cuba, the Philippines or any other possession. It is simply a request that peace negotiations be opened. No armistice is proposed. After Ambassador Cambon submitted the proposal a general talk followed between him, the president, Secretary Day and M. Thiebaud. The president reserved his answer, but understanding being reached that he would act on it in the subject before the cabinet and then invite M. Cambon to another conference at the white house when the final answer will be given in the willingness of this government to open negotiations.

The manner in which peace negotiations shall be conducted in case the United States accepts Spain's tender has not been determined upon, but it is understood that the method likely to be adopted is to have Gen. Horace Porter, United States ambassador at Paris, and Senor Leon Castillo, Spanish ambassador at Paris, carry forward negotiations from the point arrived at by the president and Ambassador Cambon.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—During the late afternoon and evening the president conferred with most of the members of the cabinet, and the Spanish proposition for peace was thoroughly canvassed. Secretaries Day, Alger and Long were at the white house during the afternoon and in the evening the president was joined by Secretaries lith, and Russell, and Senator General Smith. There was a conference in the ordinary sense, but these talks with individual members served about the same purpose as a formal meeting. It was understood the president would be prepared to give an answer within the next few days and certainly before the next regular cabinet day on Friday. No information was given from the cabinet as to the probable character of the answer. There were strong intimations however, that there would be no acceptance which would imply the stopping of the war when the American arms were adding victories on victories and the embarking on a vague diplomatic negotiation. It was felt that this government had everything to lose in a subtle game of diplomacy in which the only certain element would be the inaction of our army and navy. For this reason there was a disposition in official quarters to know what terms were in sight before entering upon general negotiations. A prominent administration official said after talking with cabinet officers that in his opinion the situation was not matured enough to warrant the Spanish proposition, and that the war would be pressed with unabated vigor until something more tangible in the way of peace terms was at hand.

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authorize secret negotiations between Spain and this country, Spain being represented by Senor Leon Castillo, the Spanish ambassador to Paris, and the United States by Gen. Horace Porter, our ambassador to Paris. Senor Castillo is one of the foremost diplomats of Europe, and since the war began his chief mission has been to go from capital to capital and endeavor to awaken foreign intervention in behalf of Spain. Failing in this, he has turned his attention to the peace movement as the last chance for saving his country. Castillo has been most explicit, so that the negotiations could proceed with facility. While not a veteran in diplomacy, Gen. Porter is regarded as able and tactful, and moreover, he would be guided by very explicit instructions from Washington. This plan is quite tentative, however, and it is rather doubtful whether the United States government would consent to such an important negotiation as would be arranged by the two ambassadors.

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DONS SURPRISED.

Gen. Miles Captures the Harbor of Guanica, Fifteen Miles West of Ponce.

THERE WERE BUT FEW SHOTS FIRED.

The Gloucester, Commander Wainwright, Entered the Harbor and Met with Slight Resistance.

All the Transports Are There, and Infantry and Artillery Rapidly Going Aboard—The Troops Are in Good Health and the Rest of Spirits.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The war department at 11:30 posted the following:

ST. THOMAS, July 24.—Secretary of War, Washington:

Circumstances were such that I deemed it advisable to take the harbor of Guanica first, 15 miles west of Ponce, which was successfully accomplished between daylight and 11 o'clock.

Spaniards surprised. The Gloucester, Commander Wainwright, first entered the harbor, met with slight resistance, fired a few shots. All the transports are now in the harbor and infantry and artillery rapidly going ashore. This is a well protected harbor. Water sufficiently deep for all transports and heavy vessels to anchor within 200 yards of the shore. The harbor was lowered and the American flag was hoisted. The Spaniards were cabled to the foreign offices. The matter was considered of such moment that the cable report to one of the foreign offices cost several hundred dollars.

SAMPSON'S REPORT.

The Navy Department Makes Public the Admira's Account of the Destruction of Cervera's Fleet.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The navy department Tuesday made public the report of Adm. Sampson, Commodore of the fleet, concerning the destruction of the ironclad Cervera's fleet.

The report is quite lengthy and the details of the naval battle are about the same as heretofore published by the newspapers.

Sampson's flagship, the New York, was to the north of the Spanish fleet and about seven miles from the harbor entrance when he started for Siboney, where Sampson intended to land, accompanied by several of his staff, and go to consult with Gen. Wainwright. Sampson's fleet appeared at the mouth of the harbor the remaining vessels were in near their usual blocking positions, distributed in a semi-circle.

The men of our ships in front of the port were at Sunday "quarters for inspection." The men who made simultaneous from several ships—ironclads, monitors and gunboats—were on deck, when suddenly the ironclad Cervera, which had been pursuing us until toward the end of the chase she was making 100 knots and was rapidly closing on us, came up at any time within the range of the heavy Spanish ships, and her only part in the fight was to receive the unyielded fire from the ironclad in passing the harbor entrance and to be the first to open fire on the ironclad.

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Almost immediately after the Spaniards opened fire on the Americans the Gloucester opened fire on the enemy with all her three and six-pounders which could be brought to bear, shelling the town and also dropping shells into the hills to the west of Guanica where a number of Spanish cavalry were to be seen hastening toward the spot where the Americans had landed.

Lieut. Huse then threw up a little fort which he named Ft. Wainwright.

By 9:45 o'clock with the exception of a few guerrilla shots the town was won and the enemy was driven out of the neighborhood.

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When the ironclad Cervera was captured for this purpose—the ship being handled by Capt. Chadwick with admiral judgment and skill in shore water, could not be saved. She was sent to the bottom, went down in deep water and would have been a certainty, a total loss.

The rescuing of prisoners, including the wounded from the Spanish vessels and the ironclad Cervera, occupied the beach was so steep that she came by the working of the sea. But her sea valves were opened and broken, therefore, I am sure that she would have been a total loss if the fire would reach the main magazine. In addition to this a heavy surf was running just inside of the Spanish ships. But the risk of explosion was so great and until their work of humanity was complete.

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Discourse Delivered By Rev.
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CHAUTAUQUA PRIZE ORATION.

The LEDGER is permitted to publish the discourse delivered by Rev. Howard T. Cree, Pastor, at the union service held at the Christian Church Sunday night.

A vast audience was present, and the closest attention was given the speaker.

This is the oration which won for Rev. Cree first prize in the Chautauqua oratorical contest at Lexington, and for beauty of thought and description, for one so young, it cannot be surpassed:

THE REAL MAN.

Vast is the difference between school room and experience. The one teaches us to conjugate the verbs to be, to do, and to suffer; the other to live, to act, to feel, to do, to experience, activity, pain. This thought should characterize a man's life, and when meeting adversity, confronting fear, or striving against obstacles he should remember that he is to be, to do and to suffer. "This enables him to form character, which is the real man.

Character is not reputation. Man may deceive the world as to what he really is and acquire a plausible reputation, but an impression is cut him and stamped upon him that makes him what he is, distinguishes him from every one else in all the world. The test in this is the world and the standard of judgment in the world which is to come.

When in his own true light man shall stand before the judgment bar of God, divested of all hypocrisies and shams, he shall not be judged by his family connection, not by his wealth, not by his intellectual attainments not by his social position, not by his show of charity, not by his reputation, but by the greatest of all, by the trust of all his characters.

When the rich man, at whose gate the poor begged alms, went to his land, received no summons to render an account to the Master above, and stood before His awful majesty and received the blasting sentence of condemnation to an eternity in torment, he was not judged by what he had, neither was he judged by what he had done, but he was judged by what he was. Money and influence could accomplish secret purposes here below, could stop the mouths of witnesses and dictate the decrees of judges, but over there all was made open and plain, for there was the unchangeable God and the evidence the testimony of his own character.

Luxurian gained a resting place on Abram's bosom, not because he was a better, not because he was judged according to the world's standard of judgment, but because of his real life. In the world he was not attired in fine purple, neither did he fare sumptuously every day; he was a poor, despised beggar, frowned upon by the poor, despised by the rich, by the poor, despised by the world, yet beneath his beggar's garments beat a heart with kingly impulses, and that spirit which seemed so crushed and broken was the spirit of the Christ. Perhaps robbed of temporal possessions, made to be an outcast in the eyes of society, forced into a position of the lowest, there yet was left to him the greatest of all possessions, that above the power of society to destroy, and upon which rested his claim to a high seat in the synagogue of heaven.

After this all is the priceless, precious gift. Let the world take from us what it will, if our characters remain unshaken we have the best part left. Disrobing us of our enviable environment is but destroying the inclouding casket, the costly jewel we hold unchanged.

Once I stood before Lexington's Court-house, that fair building which graced the Public Square, and watched the flame creeping stealthily along its cornice. Faster and still faster they crept, spreading destruction to every object. Some here and there burst out great tongues of flame, which shot skyward and being caught in the arms of the wind were wafted against the central dome. Only a glance was needed to tell that the structure was doomed, for as a blazing furnace the entire upper portion burned, and great flames of conflagration roared and spread and crackled at every point.

In the main corridor of that burning building stood one of the finest produc-

tions of modern art. It was a woman holding aloft the last arrow of Cupid which she had taken from his quiver at her feet. It was the best work of Kentucky's own son, Joel T. Hart. The one thought that filled the minds of the multitude was, "Can that man make a bow so beautiful?" Next to the saving of the building, no one cared for the records now, the other furnishings of the records could go, but every heart was bent upon that statue. Strong men shed tears as they thought of what now to them was living stone.

In vain were the attempts of brave men to rescue it. The flames fought furiously for possession, and held it for their own. Again and again were the firemen driven back, till, considering that they must sacrifice the building, they cut the certain destruction of that beautiful figure of chastity carved in the snowy stone. Great burning beams fell about the serene form of the woman as she stood there with arms uplifted as if still speaking peace to troubled hearts, while the other seemed clasped round the little boy clinging to her knee. It was an engine of torture, lurid flames of fire darted at her again, again and again, but calmly she stood. A perfect deluge of fire fell as the roof gave way, and though buried in a sea of fire, yet ever and anon the wind drove back the waves and we glimpsed her standing there.

Only the stone work towered above, with here and there a flane devouring the last vestige of wood work; but the wreckage burned high in the corridor surrounding the statue. We strained our eyes to see if Chastity still stood. Ah, yes, still there. A narrow vista between clouds of rolling smoke revealed her standing alone. A great light from the fire was reflected on her face, and though the fire of the flames could not conquer. A thoughtful fireman turned a stream of cold water upon the blackened and heated marble, and, crumbling, it fell in pieces to the floor. It was gone, but in the hearts of the thousands that picture stands today with arms uplifted, bespeaking a nobility of purpose. The last to go, and when it had gone, it left its image impressed more deeply than ever in hundreds of human breasts. The "Triumph of Chastity" had won the day, and though it did not end its days of actual existence. And thus, my friends, the temporal things may pass away, and swept by the adversities of misfortune all that you may have be altered to the four winds of earth, even though your very body may waste away and perish, yet the inner image of yourself—your character—lives throughout the ages of time.

Ah, fortunes may fall away, kingdoms may cease, knowledge may vanish away, worlds may crash against worlds in the inevitable course of time, but character, which is the soul of man, and which is a human soul, and as powerful is it as any angel of God, and as omnipotent God (say it in reverence) and turn streams of unalloyed happiness into rivers of human blood. Not all men are gifted with an equal determination; some are wanting in decision, wavering, hesitating, governed by no fixed purpose, adopting today what they abandon tomorrow, controlled by circumstances, opposition turns them from their course, difficulties discourage them.

Others are decisive, quick, steadfast, pursuing a fixed purpose, having the trust of confidence, combining the qualities of a man of high moral character, who will possess widely different characters. Immediately the question presents itself to us, "To what is this difference due?" It is that persons who look perhaps very much alike in features, members of the same family, yet differ so entirely as to their characters. There are but three points at which man's life is touched, but three avenues through which it is reached, three influences that are brought to bear upon him in the formation of his character.

One is the environment, the atmosphere, touches his life, before birth or in his day. A man is not responsible for the body with which he is born into the world. We are born not only with bodies more or less like our ancestors, but with mental differences and tendencies of disposition, and our characters are in part a result of their lives. By careful observation we may note how in hereditary lines art, philosophy, and science have traced themselves in families from one generation to another. You may have the possibility of impressing yourself in your which your father or mother possessed, and which were transmitted to you at birth. Just as we inherit their features, diseases and organism to the remotest tissue, so do we inherit their spirit of soul.

Another way in which life is influenced is by environment. Following the isotherm of 54 degrees around the globe we find under its fostering care the highest civilization of every continent. Why have New York, London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Moscow, China, sprung up in this single line of temperature? It is not because nature here offers the highest opportunity for development of the human race? While I do not believe with him who says "We are not what we would be, but what we must be, that our environment makes us what we are, and we have no part in the decision," yet I cannot fully concur with him who exclaims "make your circumstances." Circumstances are made, and we are to make the best of them. It lies within our power to do our part in the world, yet it is within our scope to make the most out of that which is created. Franklin could not make the lightning, but he could use its glittering arrows to do his bidding. Yet we are greatly influenced by our surroundings, and there is that which irresistably attracts us or inevitably repels us. As the little flower hangs its head in the shadows will turn its face to greet the rising sun, so will our natures bend themselves towards

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The natives of the different climates are a striking example of this truth. In the sub-tropical climates, where the flowers bloom perennially, the fruits fall into the lap without labor, and the fields seem to fill themselves with grain, where beauty diffuses itself into every nook and crypt, where limpid waters leave the feet of rolling hills, covered with tangled wildwood, where all things are suggestive of ease and pleasure, we are the people are devoted to life of luxuriant enjoyment.

On the other hand, in the North amid craggy mountains, thundering caucuses, wooded forests of the mighty cedars, rivers of grand majestic sweep, fields which need much care and labor, storms which beat and shriek about strong eaken doors; all things suggestive of strength and activity, we find the people hardy, thrifty, and energetic—characters that stand out like bold promontories, defying an ocean's fury. Then, being materially changed by environment the necessity arises for the best development of the soul, which is concurring to the formation of noblest character. Seek the best in life, it is yours. The best in the whole wide world is not too good for him who deserves it, but he must be deserving.

To be deserving one must exert his will power to its utmost capacity, and through which character is reached and influenced for weal or woe. Within the mind of every man, woman and child there is a human soul, and as powerful is it as any angel of God, and as omnipotent God (say it in reverence) and turn streams of unalloyed happiness into rivers of human blood. Not all men are gifted with an equal determination; some are wanting in decision, wavering, hesitating, governed by no fixed purpose, adopting today what they abandon tomorrow, controlled by circumstances, opposition turns them from their course, difficulties discourage them.

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"We shape ourselves the top or rear
Or when the coming life is made
And fill our future atmosphere
With thoughts of our own shade.
The times of life to be
We shape, we make, all our own,
And in the field of destiny
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Habit is begun in youth, it is finished in old age. Young manhood and womanhood, the impressionable time of life when thoughts are like the springtime seeds, quicken and grow, you look not for the fruition of what have been sown for long enough to form character. You will awaken as from a deceptive, enchanting dream and find your character already made.

In the shaping of character you need a perfect model. A model with a single flaw is not sufficient. Search the archives of history, turn the annals of the past, delve amid the musty records preserved since time began, sail 'round the world, and even then you will find all conditions of man are out of character that will be to your ideal.

Your search is fruitless; till the fatal night in the Holy City, you hear, like soothed music, the words of one saying "I am the way, the truth and the life." Tis Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God. Here is our model character; unconvicted of sin, His life a suffering service, His death a redeeming love. Amid the oil on hills of Palestine we have found the "Carpenter's Son." From the manger in Bethlehem to the Cross of Calvary's hill, we find the Son of God, in crimson blood, and like angelic strains come the words of the Master, "Follow thou me." The character of the Christ is essential to the enjoyment of Heaven. Congeniality is the underlying law of happiness, and the basis of congeniality is character. A tarnished soul could not possibly enjoy the Abode of the Blessed, to introduce it would be torment, to introduce it with the angels unending agony.

The road to Heaven is distant and rocky, steep and rugged, but you cannot not climb them if the gift of him who died, and then take the gift of him who died, and then climb them cannot succeed.

"The proudest motto for the young: "Write it in lines of gold."

Upon thy heart, and in thy mind
The virtuous words of Jesus.

And in thy strength, O Jesus,
Or fortune's prospering gear,

Will have a holy, cheering power—
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Tis Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God. Here is our model character; unconvicted of sin, His life a suffering service, His death a redeeming love. Amid the oil on hills of Palestine we have found the "Carpenter's Son." From the manger in Bethlehem to the Cross of Calvary's hill, we find the Son of God, in crimson blood, and like angelic strains come the words of the Master, "Follow thou me."

The character of the Christ is essential to the enjoyment of Heaven. Congeniality is the underlying law of happiness, and the basis of congeniality is character. A tarnished soul could not possibly enjoy the Abode of the Blessed, to introduce it would be torment, to introduce it with the angels unending agony.

The road to Heaven is distant and rocky, steep and rugged, but you cannot not climb them if the gift of him who died, and then take the gift of him who died, and then climb them cannot succeed.

"The proudest motto for the young: "Write it in lines of gold."

Upon thy heart, and in thy mind
The virtuous words of Jesus.

And in thy strength, O Jesus,
Or fortune's prospering gear,

Will have a holy, cheering power—
There's no such word as fail."

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